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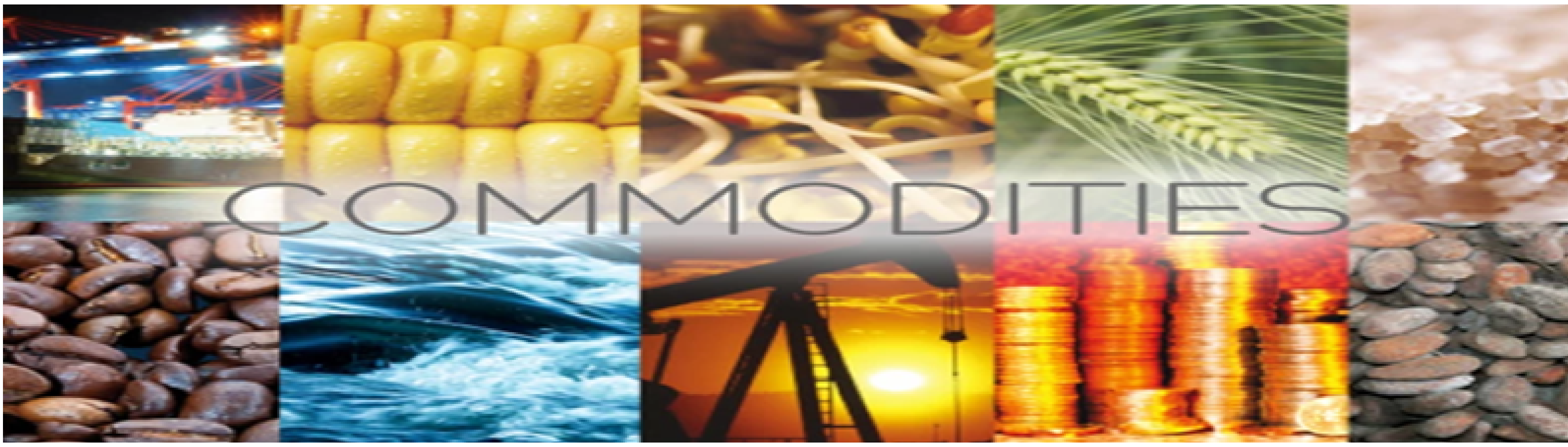

China cotton output rises to 728 million kilograms up 18%
China's Cotton Association surveyed 1,908 designated farmers across 10 provinces and Xinjiang in September 2025. Nationwide cotton planting area reached 44.82 million mu (2.99 million hectares), up 1.8%, with total output projected at 7.28 million tonnes, up 9.2%. Xinjiang produced 6.97 million tonnes, up 10.1%, while output fell in the Yellow River basin to 0.166 million tonnes and in the Yangtze River basin to 0.084 million tonnes. (**China Cotton Association**)

China among top five in global silver reserves but demand outpaces supply
China ranks among the world's top five in silver reserves, accounting for about 11% of the global total with over 1,500 silver mines. In 2024, domestic silver output reached 3,426 tonnes, with 1,233 tonnes recycled. Total consumption hit 9,428 tonnes, mainly from industrial use—8,567 tonnes, including 6,577 tonnes from the electrical and electronics sector. As resources fall short, China relies on silver ore and concentrate imports. (**CCTV**)

Hog oversupply to pressure margins as China's breeding sector faces Q4 losses
China's hog sector entered a loss phase in September, as self-breeding profit turned negative at 281.19 yuan ($38.6) per head. With fertile sow inventories up 0.58–1.07% and Q4 slaughter volume projected to rise 10.57%, oversupply may keep prices around 10.90–11.40 yuan ($1.50–1.56) per kg, leaving average quarterly losses at 239.42 yuan ($32.9) per head. (**Xinhua Finance**)

China glass market faces supply demand pressure limited upward momentum
China's glass market weakened after National Day, with 5mm sheet prices down 2.94% to 1,091 yuan ($149)/ton, reflecting weak real estate demand that limits downstream orders and keeps Low-E glass utilization at 43.7%. Coal-to-gas conversion may raise production costs 80–100 yuan ($11–14)/ton, offering marginal support but insufficient for sustained price gains. (**Futures Daily**)

China benzene market faces persistent supply pressure continuous price decline
After National Day, China's benzene prices fell to 5,461 yuan ($746)/ton, hitting a record low. Weak downstream demand from styrene and caprolactam and rising domestic output with petroleum benzene at 438,000 tons and hydrogenated benzene at 81,900 tons keep supply pressure high. Port inventories rose 10% to 99,000 tons. Limited cost support and ongoing oversupply suggest benzene prices will continue declining in the short term. (**Futures Daily**)